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Title: Need to connect Chittagong Port with the National Highway No. 44 and also with the Agartala-Subroom railway line.

SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY (TRIPURA EAST): Thank you, Chairman, Sir. I would like to raise a very important issue. I would like to take the privilege of the presence of the hon. Union Minister of Commerce and Industry. I am very much moved by the desire of the present Government to be engaged with the neighbouring countries.

You know, Sir, that the Northeastern region and my State Tripura in particular is bounded by the international borders from three sides. Transportation cost of essential commodities or construction material from the main land is manifold. There has been a demand to connect Chittagong Sea Port with the national highway and also with a road from Tripura. If this Government takes an initiative to connect the Chittagong Port with the National Highway 44 and also with the Agartala-Subroom railway line, which is an on-going project, that will be mutually benefit to both the countries and particularly for the north-eastern region including the State of Tripura. I would request the Union Government to consider this. I believe the hon. Minister present here would definitely take an initiative on that.